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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2724

INFO AMCONSUL CAPETOWN

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

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US MISSION USUN NEW YORK 1061

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E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: PINS WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SWAPO HEAD FLEES TO BOTSWANA

REFS: (A) PRETORIA 3158, (B) PRETORIA 3268

1. ACCORDING TO REPORT IN PRETORIA NEWS SEPT 16,
CHAIRMAN M SWAPO IN NAMIBIA DAVID/MERORO HAS FLED
TO BOTSWANA. STORY BY WINDHOEK CORRESPONDENT CLIVE
COWLEY STATES THAT "USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES" SAID
MERORO CROSSED KALAHARI DESERT BORDER INTO BOTSWANA
LAST WEEK. MERORO HAD BEEN IN HIDING FOR MORE THAN
THREE WEEKS FOLLOWING HARASSMENT BY HEREROS (REF A)
AND SECURITY POLICE ARRESTS OF NINE SWAPO AND NNC
MEMBERS IN WINDHOEK AREA.

2. SAME STORY ALSO REPORTS THAT PASTOR Z. KAMEETA,
NNC OFFICIAL AND HEAD OF OTJIMBINGWE THEOLOGICAL
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SEMINARY, WAS RELEASED SEPT 15 AFTER SPENDING THREE WEEKS IN DETENTION. KAMEETA WAS ARRESTED AUG 24 (REF B) AND APPARENTLY WAS HELD UNDER TERRORISM ACT. NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RELEASED ABOUT REMAINING DETAINEES.
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